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BUD ROOT DISEASE IN COCONUT
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether due to continuous rain received during this year, the coconut plantation are severely affected by Bud Root disease in all parts of Kerala;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any study has been conducted by any agency to assess the extent of crop loss;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the programme formulated by the Government to assist the farmers in the distressed areas?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a)&(b): No Sir. However, severe infestation by bud rot disease in coconut plantation has been reported in the hilly tracts of Kozhikode, Kannur and Kasaragod districts of northern Kerala.

(c)&(d): No detailed study report has been conducted by the Government during the current year to assess the extent of crop loss due to the out break of bud rot disease.

(e): During the year 2005-06 a proposal was submitted by Government of Kerala for financial assistance to control bud rot disease in Kozhikode district. The Coconut Development Board has extended financial assistance to the tune of Rs.222.25 lakhs exclusively for the control of bud rot disease in Kozhikode district. In addition, an amount of Rs.567.55 lakhs has also been released to the Government of Kerala under the scheme `Integrated Farming in coconut holdings for productivity improvement` during the current year 2007-08 for adoption of integrated nutrition and pest management in coconut holdings in all the districts of Kerala State including the districts affected by bud rot disease. Apart from this, the Board is also implementing the scheme `Integrated Farming in coconut holdings for productivity improvement-laying out of demonstration plot` in 841.09 ha. on a cluster basis with farmer`s participation in the bud rot disease affected area of Kozhikode district.